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LECTURE EXAMINES HIDDEN HISTORY OF VICTORIAN WOMEN

MISSOULA —

An expert on the secret lives of women in the Victorian Age will give the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Martha Vicinus, the Eliza M. Mosher Distinguished University Professor of English, Women's Studies and History at the University of Michigan, will lecture on "Alternative Victorian Families and Same-Sex Love" at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the Montana Theatre. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Earlier that day, Vicinus will present a faculty seminar titled "What is 'Obscene'?" Looking at "The Well of Loneliness" 75 Years Later" from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Building Room 106.

The lectures are being co-sponsored by the UM Department of English and Women's Studies Program.

Vicinus earned her doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1968 and went on to compile a distinguished teaching career at Indiana University and – since 1981 – the University of Michigan.

She teaches a broad range of courses, including Victorian Literature, Literature and the Industrial Revolution, Victorian Women, Literature and Women, and Theories of Feminism.

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Vicinus has written two books: "The Industrial Muse: A Study of Nineteenth-Century British Working-Class Literature" (1974) and "Independent Women: Work and Community for Single Women, 1850-1920." She also has written numerous articles that have appeared in major scholarly journals of several different fields. The most recent of the many books she has edited is "Lesbian Subjects: A Feminist Studies Reader."

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